

PERSIANS SEE LOSS OF INDEPENDENCE

Secretary of Peace Conference
Delegation Charges Violation of Article X.

CALLS LEAGUE A SHAM

French Press Caustic in Comment on Agreement With Great Britain.

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PARIS, Aug. 19.—The secretary of the Persian delegation which was here many months trying to get the Persian case before the Peace Conference informed THE SUN today that the delegation considered the Anglo-Persian agreement a violation of Article X of the covenant of the League of Nations, which President Wilson on several occasions told the delegation assured Persian independence.

The delegation had no knowledge of the agreement until it was published last week, although rumors that the British were attempting to bring it about reached here last March.

"Whoever controls the finances, railroads and army of a nation controls that nation, and Persia's independence, therefore, is a thing of the past," said the secretary. "We saw President Wilson several times and he told us Persia would be invited to join the league and that Article X would guarantee its complete independence in the future. He also agreed to support our claims when the Ottoman question was taken up here. Does the President intend to betray that the American Senate adopted Article X, without change and yet allow Great Britain to defy its most important principle in Persia's case? If so the league is a sham."

The delegation here represents the Liberal party of Persia, which is to publish soon a protest to the world against the agreement.

By the Associated Press.
PARIS, Aug. 19 (delayed).—The Anglo-Persian treaty continues to be the topic of the day in French and Peace Conference circles, the French discussing especially the probable effect of the agreement upon French interests in Syria.

The Echo de Paris, which is credited with reflecting the views of the French peace delegation, publishes its text of the Anglo-Persian agreement and in its comment says:

"If these stipulations do not constitute a most complete protectorate, words have lost their meaning. Doubtless nowhere is a formal protectorate mentioned, and doubtless a clause announces the independence and full integrity of Persia, but the substance of the agreement will fool no one."

A strong party in the French Chamber of Deputies is protesting the extension of French influence in Syria. Henry Franklin Bouillon has given notice to President Deschanel that he will interpose the Government on the question when the Chamber meets again on August 26.

The French press does use the word "protectorate" in connection with French influence in Syria. The newspaper that from time immemorial France has had great interests in Syria, and claim that until such time as Syria is able to govern herself France should be designated to afford her such financial help as she needs to help her through her period of formation.

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German Aircops Halt Attempt at Smuggling

By the Associated Press.

BERLIN, Aug. 18 (delayed).—According to the afternoon newspapers policemen using airplanes, have frustrated an attempt to smuggle \$5,000,000 from Berlin to Switzerland.

The police overtook an express train on which the smugglers were fleeing and arrested the men at Nuremberg, Bavaria.

PARIS FEARS RETURN OF "FLU" EPIDEMIC

Medical Men Still Baffled by Wartime Disease.

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PARIS, Aug. 19.—The recurrence of last year's epidemic of Spanish influenza in Europe is feared here. French scientific men have discovered symptoms of a return of the dreaded malady and are preparing, with the aid of the French Academy of Medicine, to issue a warning to the public.

Although the influenza persisted throughout the whole of last winter and through the spring and summer in a more or less serious degree nothing like a real epidemic was in evidence except in southern Europe and Switzerland, where the total number of cases was two million.

Scientific men here still are baffled by the disease and causes attributed for its recurrence in one country are disputed by the facts in another. Theories tending to show that atmospheric conditions are the cause are not accepted by one section of the Academy of Medicine, it having been shown that the germ of grip breeds and flourishes as well under very different climatic conditions and that the ravages of the disease are not less severe in one part of Europe than in another.

A German professor predicts a universal grip epidemic in the next few years.

MAINTENANCE MEN ASK \$1 DAY INCREASE

Rail Union Chairman Agrees on Schedule at Detroit.

DETROIT, Aug. 19.—General chairman of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Labor today approved a new wage and working agreement, already submitted to the Railroad Administration, calling for an increase in pay of approximately \$1 a day per man, time and a half for overtime and promotion by seniority.

The demands, it was said, affect all railroads in the United States, Canada and Central America and involve about 600,000 workers. Half of that number are members of the union.

A referendum now being taken is returnable August 24. Union officials declare 93 per cent. of the men favor the proposed schedule and a general strike of all maintenance of way employees if their demands are not met.

Sweden Gets German War Trucks.

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 19.—The importation into Sweden from Germany of trucks and wagons made for war purposes is assuming large proportions, according to the local newspapers.

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RED WARSHIPS SUNK BY BRITISH FLEET

Bolshevik Suffer Heavily in Engagement Fought in Gulf of Finland.

KRONSTADT IS AFLAME

Big Russian Battleship and Cruiser Among Losses Sustained by Soviet.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—The British fleet, which is operating in the Gulf of Finland against Bolshevik warships, which are concentrated there in the defence of Kronstadt, the naval port of Petrograd, have scored a victory, sinking several of the Russian craft.

"First news of the naval success came in a despatch from Helsinki, Finland, which said that the Bolshevik battleship Andrei-Petrovskan, the battle cruiser Petropavlovsk, a transport, and a guardship were sunk in a fight last Sunday. The same despatch placed the British losses at three motor boats and eight officers and three men killed.

The Admiralty issued a statement today in confirmation of the Helsinki report, adding a Bolshevik destroyer to the list of Russian ships sunk. The Admiralty also said that a Russian cruiser was seriously damaged.

From Stockholm there came a report that Kronstadt was under attack and the Bolshevik submarine depot ship Viatka was reported to have been sunk in an engagement off the Tolbocken Light-house, several miles northeast of Kronstadt, probably in the engagement of Sunday, as reported from Helsinki.

The Andrei-Petrovskan was reported as probably sunk by a torpedo near Kronstadt on June 19, according to despatches received in London soon afterward, but there was no confirmation of this. At the same time it was said the Bolshevik battleship Petropavlovsk had hoisted the white flag.

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GERMANY GRATEFUL TO U. S.

Assemblyman Lauds Treatment of War Prisoners.

By the Associated Press.
BERLIN, Aug. 18 (delayed).—America has won the deep gratitude of Germany for her treatment of prisoners of war and her labors for their behalf in Siberia, declared Daniel Steucklen, member of the National Assembly and Imperial Commission for War and Civilian Prisoners, today at a meeting of Majority Socialists protesting against the further retention of German prisoners in France.

The meeting was the first move by the Socialists in the plan to bring women forward as an influence for the return of prisoners, it being felt that they can arouse more sympathy than men.

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DENIES SCHEME TO MAKE BRITAIN DRY

Anti-Saloon League Only to Tell of Victory.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—William E. Johnson, organizer of the American Anti-Saloon League, who returned to England of the league to carry on propaganda land-to-day from Sweden, where he attended the northern temperance conference, declared that it was not the purpose of the league to carry on propaganda in England to bring about prohibition.

"We have not the slightest intention of interfering in British affairs," said Mr. Johnson. "We will not take any part, whatever in the British elections. What I am doing, and what I expect to do in the future, is merely to explain the activities in America against drink and tell the people why prohibition was brought about and what its results will be. The British people are under no obligations to adopt the same policy unless they choose to do so."

"All this is in the direction of promoting friendly relations between the countries and along the line of the work of the English speaking union of which I am a member. I came here at the urgent invitation of British dry organizations to tell the story of prohibition in America and counteract the grotesque yarns circulated on this side about the effects of the dry policy in America."

Mr. Johnson added that the Anti-Saloon League purposed an anti-tobacco campaign.

DROWNS DESPITE FIFTY PAIS.

Boy Cook at Ridgewood Camp Victim of Cramps.

Emmanuel Hamilton, an eighteen-year-old newsboy, who has been cook in the Lincoln Boy Camp, which is run by the citizens of Ridgewood, N. Y., to give poor boys from the city summer outings, was drowned while swimming in Van Emboor pond yesterday afternoon, despite the efforts of fifty of his companions to save him.

Hamilton swam to the middle of the pond, which is about 300 feet wide. When a cramp suddenly seized him he threw up his hands and sank before any of the others could reach him. His body was afterward recovered. John Bristol, also of New York, became exhausted in his efforts to reach the drowning lad and was taken ashore unconscious.

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BRITISH CONDEMN PREMIER'S SPEECH

Failure to Announce Check on Expenditures Proves Disappointing.

LABORITES UP IN ARMS

Limited Indorsement of Mine Nationalization Not to Their Liking.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—The House of Commons, which listened yesterday to Premier Lloyd George's declaration of the Government's policy on many British problems, took a recess today until October 22.

The country has before it now the three principal conclusions which Mr. Lloyd George told the House yesterday had been reached by the Government. These were the abandonment on September 1 of the present system of licensing, which is to be replaced by measures to prevent "dumping"; the

declaration that the Government plans limited control of the coal industry, giving the miners a share in controlling mining policies; and the announcement that the Government will recommend a joint industrial council of employers and employees and provide for a forty-eight hour week and living wages in virtually every industry.

Disappointment and dissatisfaction that Premier Lloyd George ignored the general demand for a reduction of national expenditures is the most striking comment made by most of the newspapers today. Friendly and hostile editorials generally agree that the Premier made an excellent plea for economy in industry and increased production and also that he offered some sensible proposals for a future industrial policy.

Such comments, however, are overshadowed in most of the newspapers by sharp condemnation of what is termed the Premier's failure to regulate the extravagance and waste in Government departments.

Newspapers of widely differing views declare Mr. Lloyd George's speech showed the Government has no policy and does not know its own mind. These newspapers declare the nation will be filled with disquietude at the Government's failure to show strong leadership. The Premier's proposals on the coal situation are generally criticized. Advocates of nationalization express indignation and accuse the Government of breaking its promise to carry out the findings of the Sankey Commission. The Herald, a labor paper, notices the Government that the workers are determined to have nationalization and that the rejection of the Sankey report, which

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ORIENT EXPRESS IS HELD.

Austria Unable to Supply Fuel for Paris-Bucharest Train.

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, Aug. 19.—The Orient Express, which runs between Paris and Bucharest by way of Munich, did not leave on its regular schedule last night. The Paris-Petersburg service that the departure of the train was cancelled because the Austrian Government was unable to assure a supply of fuel for the locomotives as the train passed through Austrian territory.

BARNES TO HEAR PROTESTS.

Wheat Growers Will Voice Complaints Over Grading.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19.—Complaint against the Government wheat grades will be placed before Julius H. Barnes, president of the United States Grain Corporation, next Tuesday at New York by members of Congress and State officials from several wheat growing States.

Representative Young (North Dakota) completed arrangements with Mr. Barnes today for the conference.

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